

Mr. OSBORNE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### ELWOOD HAYNES "BUD" HILLIS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2043) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2043

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. ELWOOD HAYNES "BUD" HILLIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, shall be known and designated as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2043.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, House Resolution 2043, introduced by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) on May 25, 2001, designates the facility at the United States Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, IN, as the Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis Post Office Building.

Pursuant to the policy of the policy of the Committee on Government Reform, all Members of the House delegation of the State of Indiana are cosponsors of the measure.

Bud Hillis is a native Hoosier. He was born in Kokomo and attended public schools there. He was a graduate of Culver Military Academy. At the age of 18, he enlisted as an infantryman in

World War II and served in Europe for 27 months. When he returned, he received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University and, continuing his studies there, he earned a law degree.

He practiced law in Indiana and was chairman of the Howard County Bar Association. He was elected to the Indiana State House of Representatives and served for two terms. Because of a vacancy in the Fifth Congressional District when the incumbent was chosen to fill a U.S. Senate seat, Bud Hillis was selected to run for the House seat and was elected to the 92nd Congress in 1970, and he served there until 1986.

Representative Hillis was a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He was a founding member of the Congressional Auto Task Force and a strong advocate of the Congressional Steel Caucus.

Madam Speaker, it is a fitting tribute to name a post office in Kokomo, IN, after the distinguished gentleman from that city who selflessly served the interests of his constituents in the State house and in Congress for many years.

I urge our colleagues to support House Resolution 2043.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2043 to designate the U.S. Post Office at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, IN, as the Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis Post Office Building was introduced by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) on May 26, 2001. This measure has the support and cosponsorship of the entire Indiana delegation.

Of course, former Congressman Elwood "Bud" Hillis served honorably and with great distinction, representing Indiana's Fifth District from 1971 to 1986. He was an outstanding member of the House, well loved by his constituents, well loved by the people in the communities that he represented and that he served, and I think it is altogether fitting and proper that we bestow upon him and upon his memory the honor of naming one of our institutions in his honor.

I certainly join in sponsorship, as well as in support of this resolution.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE).

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) for yielding me this time.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank my friend and colleague, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER), for his leadership on this measure and the balance of the Indiana delegation for their efforts in designating the Ko-

komo Post Office in honor of Congressman Bud Hillis.

Madam Speaker, many Hoosiers might be deserving of this honor, but few are more deserving than Congressman Hillis. His career and distinguished record of public service testify to his dedication to the U.S. and the State of IN.

As a member of this Chamber, he was instrumental in saving thousands of Hoosier jobs through the Chrysler bailout, and his membership on the Committee on Armed Services ensured that Indiana's sons and daughters who served in the military were well equipped to face the threats across the world.

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Madam Speaker, on a personal note, as a young candidate during my first bid for Congress in 1988, I looked at the service and the career and the integrity of Congressman Bud Hillis, and I pledged to myself then that if ever elected to serve in this body, it would be my purpose to serve as a man of integrity and commitment, to serve as did Congressman Bud Hillis. Thirteen years later, Congressman Hillis still stands as an example for all of us who seek to be men and women of integrity in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is said that a good name is more precious than rubies. Madam Speaker, I believe I speak for every Member of the Indiana delegation when I say we are proud to put the good name of a great Hoosier Congressman, Bud Hillis, on the Post Office on South Webster Street in Kokomo, IN.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER).

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, I thank both gentleman for coming to the House floor with this bipartisan legislation, and I also want to thank my good friend the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for his eloquent words. I think he said it very well, and I feel sort of awkward here following him.

Madam Speaker, I rise to honor who I believe is one of the most distinguished men ever to represent the State of Indiana in the U.S. House of Representatives, my dear friend and former Congressman, Elwood Haynes Bud Hillis. Those of us that know this gentleman the best, I suppose, all refer to him as "Bud."

Bud honorably and effectively served the people of Indiana's fifth district in the House of Representatives from 1971 to 1986, 16 years of dedicated service to his country. During his time in the House of Representatives, he was a reasonable and authoritative voice on matters of national security, trade, and veterans' issues.

He is a graduate of Indiana's Culver Military Academy, and he enlisted to fight in World War II at the age of 18.

He served as an infantryman in the European Theater for 27 months, leaving active duty as a first lieutenant.

After the war, Bud attended Indiana University and Indiana University School of Law. He came back to his home community and set up a law practice right on the courthouse square in Kokomo. He then went on to become chairman of the County Bar Association. In November of 1970, he was elected to served two terms in the Indiana House of Representatives. He then went on to serve here in the United States Congress.

While in Congress, Bud was known for a unique combination of genteel civility and firm resolve. During his years in Washington, he was noted for his leadership on several issues of vital importance to Hoosiers and to the Nation as a whole.

As a Member of the Committee on Armed Services, Bud was instrumental in the development and deployment of the M-1 tank, for it to be built here in the United States. When I returned after my service during the Persian Gulf War, I never realized until I sat down with Bud how eager he was to discuss the Persian Gulf War, because a decade or 15 years earlier he sat down and he worked on the development of the M-1 tank. And he believed in that tank, and then he had the opportunity to see some of it on CNN, like a lot of the country observed the Gulf War. But he was anxious to hear firsthand of the use of a weapon system that he was so instrumental in deploying.

He also took a very serious interest in the automobile industry. It is very fitting he would do so, because well over 100 years ago there were two brothers, Elmer and Edgar Apperson, who, along with Bud's grandfather, Elwood Haynes, who invented the automobile, something that we just take for granted today, which revolutionized the transportation system of this country. And Bud's grandfather invented the automobile.

So when he came here to serve in Congress, he was a founding Member of the Congressional Automobile Task Force. And he was the leading advocate for the rescue of Chrysler as a corporation, and what a viable corporation it is today. He was also a strong force in the Congressional Steel Caucus as vice president of its executive committee.

Bud also took seriously our Nation's commitment to our veterans. As a Member of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, he was a leader in caring for not only our country's veterans, but he was also instrumental in the construction of a VA outpatient clinic in Crown Point, which is Lake County, Indiana.

Bud also had a very strong impact upon me. At age 32, when I returned from the Gulf War, I saw life in a different dimension and sought to yet serve my country in a different perspective. I went and sat down with Bud

Hillis, and through all the way up to even today, he continues to give me great counsel and advice.

The impact that he had upon Joni and the Buyer family was that Bud raised his family in Indiana, and for 16 years he commuted. So I could see firsthand many Members raise their families, and this is not a family-friendly institution. And I followed, not necessarily his advice, because that is not the way Bud is, but I chose then to raise my family in Indiana, and I do the commute back and forth. And it was probably the best thing for me, because it does not let this town overtake you, and it keeps you well-grounded when your children are raised in the district which you represent.

Bud is a family man. Carol and their children, I wish them the very best. Bud has a distinguished record of service to his country, in war and in peace and here in the halls of Congress.

To the people that Bud represented here in Indiana, I offer this bill with great pride on behalf of the entire Indiana delegation. It is because of the dedication of his service to his country that the Kokomo Post Office on Webster Street will be a fitting tribute to such an honorable and accomplished Hoosier.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, that concludes the remarks that we have on Mr. Hillis. I would like to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUYER) for introducing the legislation and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for their kind remarks in the dedication for and paying tribute to Mr. Hillis on this occasion.

Mr. ROEMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the resolution designating the Elwood Haynes "Bud" Hillis Post Office Building in Kokomo, Indiana. This tribute will serve to commemorate the 20 years of distinguished public service that Congressman Hillis provided to the state of Indiana in both the Indiana General Assembly and the United States House of Representatives.

A native of Kokomo, Indiana, Congressman Hillis graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1944 before entering the Army. He served in the European theater during World War II, and ended the war with the rank of first lieutenant. After retiring from reserve infantry duty with a rank of captain in 1954, he attended Indiana University and the Indiana University School of Law. Hillis then began practicing law in Howard County, where he was active in the community from the beginning. Hillis' involvement in charitable causes in his hometown of Kokomo earned him the admiration of his peers in the community. Among the organizations that he has helped over the past four decades include the United Way, the YMCA, the YWCA, and the Salvation Army.

Hillis' reputation as a man who embraced his causes and worked for them eventually encouraged him into politics. He made his initial venture into politics when he was elected to

begin his first term in the Indiana House of Representatives in 1967. After serving two terms in the Indiana General Assembly, Hillis was elected to the 5th district seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1970. As a member of the U.S. Congress, he became heavily involved with military and veterans affairs. Among his committee assignments were the Veterans Affairs and Armed Services Committees, where he was instrumental in upgrading Grissom Air Force Reserve Base to make that an integral part of our nation's defenses. Bud always seemed to be supportive of our nation's veterans. Even in the period of immediately following the Vietnam War, Bud recognized the need to stand by American forces here and abroad. Although he was in the minority for a number of years following that tumultuous time in American history, his efforts certainly showed him to be a man of principle.

His soft-spoken polite nature was admired by many of his peers in the House of Representatives, and he gained great respect in Washington for his 16-year legislative record. Although he was popular in his district, Hillis voluntarily stepped down in 1987 after serving eight terms.

This dedication of the Kokomo post office certainly would be a fitting tribute for a distinguished gentleman representing the state of Indiana in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2043.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### G. ELLIOT HAGAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. OTTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1183) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, as the "G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1183

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. G. ELLIOT HAGAN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylvania, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building".